



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Virtual “Tell Me a Story” Series Brings Books to Life through Author Readings & Activities

Gaithersburg, MD (December 23, 2020) The City of Gaithersburg brings books to life with its “Tell Me a Story” series, hosted by the [Arts Barn](#), [Casey Community Center](#) and [Community Museum](#). Explore all of the virtual storytime events [here](#).

Storytime at the Arts Barn

January 15

1 p.m.

Join the Arts Barn for a free virtual seasonal story and coloring activity featuring "Winter Sleep: A Hibernation Story" by Sean Taylor and Alex Morss, with illustrations by Cinyee Chiu. Please register by 5 p.m. the evening prior. A coloring sheet and video conference link will be provided via e-mail. This program is appropriate for ages 2 to 6. Register online with RecXpress [here](#).

Tasty Books Take Home Kits

Pick up kits at the [Casey Farmers Market](#) between 1 and 4 p.m. on Thursdays, January 7, February 4, March 4 and March 11

\$5 each

Enter the tasty and adventurous world of food, crafts, and books using all five senses. Experience Casey's Tasty Books program from the comfort and safety of your home with our Tasty Books Kit. Each month we will release a new kit that includes an exciting book, a fun related craft activity, a themed snack recipe, and a cooking accessory. This program is appropriate for ages 3 and older. Reserve online [here](#).

Thursday, January 7, 2021 - The Runaway Wok

This month's Tasty Book Kit includes the book "The Runaway Wok" by Ying Chang Compestine, a festive craft, a recipe for chicken stir fry, and a cooking accessory. This story follows a boy named Ming and his adventures with a magical talking wok that grants wishes. A perfect story to celebrate Chinese New Year and learn about the festive traditions.

Thursday, February 4, 2021 - Ron's Big Mission

This month's Tasty Book Kit includes the book "Ron's Big Mission" by Rose Blue, an engaging craft, a recipe for astronaut ice cream, and a cooking accessory. Celebrate African American History Month with the inspiring story based on Ronald McNair's life: a little boy who grew up to be one of the bravest scientists and astronauts in history. Discover a nine-year-old Ron who loves going to the Lake City Public Library to

look through all the books on airplanes and flight. But in the segregated world of South Carolina in the 1950s, obtaining his own library card is not just a small rite of passage – it is Ron's first courageous mission.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 - Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World

This month's Tasty Book Kit includes the book "14 Young Women Who Changed the World" by Susan Hood, an engaging craft, a recipe for Confetti Pasta Salad, and a cooking accessory. Celebrate National Women's History Month with this uplifting book that was written, illustrated, edited, and designed by women. Honor 14 different women in history and learn about their significant impacts through poetry. Poems about such courageous women like Frida Kahlo, Ruby Bridges, Maya Lin, and Malala Yousafzai are sure to inspire.

Thursday, March 11, 2021 - Soñadores/Dreamers **purchase in Spanish or English*

This month's Tasty Book Kit includes the book "Soñadores" by Yuyi Morales, an engaging craft, a recipe for Taquitos Horneados, and a cooking accessory. Yuyi Morales brought her hopes, her passion, her strength, and her stories with her when she came to the United States in 1994 with her young son. "Dreamers" is the story of finding your way in a new place, navigating an unknown world and finding the best parts of it.

StoryTime Station

Tuesdays, January 26 and February 23

11 a.m.

StoryTime Station at the Gaithersburg Community Museum goes virtual with authors reading their newly published books aloud. Watch online on the Community Museum's Facebook page [here](#). The free virtual events also feature a suggested craft or activity related to the book's subject. This program is appropriate for ages 4 to 8.

Tuesday, January 26

"Stella's Stellar Hair" with author Yesenia Moises. Stella visits each of her fabulous aunties across the solar system, and finds perfect hairdos from the African diaspora along the way in this beautifully illustrated book. <https://facebook.com/events/397786088306629/>

Tuesday, February 23

"Saving Our Planet" with author Mary Boone. In this new book series, Boone breaks down saving our planet into kid-friendly pieces that are easy to understand. Each book offers a variety of examples and introduces other young people making an impact on our environment. <https://facebook.com/events/381574336241552/>

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